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Docket Number F-290 Pitney Bowes Inc. 35 Waterview Drive P.O. Box 3000 Shelton, CT 06484-8000 March 1, 2002



ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS BOX PATENT APPLICATION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor: Claude Zeller, et al.

For: METHOD FOR EMBEDDING INFORMATION IN AN IMAGE

Enclosed are:

18 pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.

7 sheets of drawing.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney.

A Recordation of Assignment Request with attached copy of executed Assignment of the invention to Pitney Bowes Incorporated, 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700. (original + 1) Express Mail Certificate.

Return Receipt Postcard.

Fees calculated as follows:

| Basic Fee | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | | \$ 740.00 |
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| Claims Fee | Number Filed | | Number Extra | | Rate | | |
| Total Claims | 17 | - 20 = | 0 | Х | \$18.00 | = | \$ 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | - 3 = | 0 | X | \$84.00 | = | \$ 0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | | | | | \$280.00 | = | \$ |
| | | | | | Total Filing | Fee | \$ 740.00 |

lease charge our Deposit Account Number 16-1885 in the amount of \$740.00 for the filing fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account Number 16-1885.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10, I hereby certify that the attached PATENT APPLICATION consisting of 18 pages and 7 sheets of drawings; TRANSMITTAL LETTER (original + 1); RETURN RECEIPT POSTCARD; DELCARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY; and RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENT with attached copy of executed Assignment (original + 1) were deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on March 1, 2002, for delivery by Express Mail. The number of the Express Mail mailing label is EU044815018US.

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